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The Book and Beyond: *Teaching and Learning in the Pepperdine University Libraries*

GREETINGS FROM DEAN MARK ROOSA:

It is the start of a new year, and the beginning of a new project: The Book and Beyond, a quarterly overview of the teaching *and* learning that takes place in our libraries. Pepperdine University Libraries provide resources and experiences that inspire, educate, and launch our students into a path of life long learning, and we want to share some of what we do.

This inaugural issue of The Book and Beyond provides an overview of our activities this fall. We will be back with quarterly updates during the school year, opening the window into the teaching and learning that is the core of Pepperdine Libraries. On behalf of all of us here at the library, we wish you a joyous new year of reading for knowledge, spiritual inspiration, and pleasure.



Mark Roosa
Dean of Libraries
Pepperdine University

The Library: A Home for Undergraduate Research

Payson Library closed out the month of November with a first in promoting **undergraduate student research**: On November 27, senior Shiloh Rainwater presented his paper: "China's Arctic Strategy: Implications for Sino-Arctic Relations."

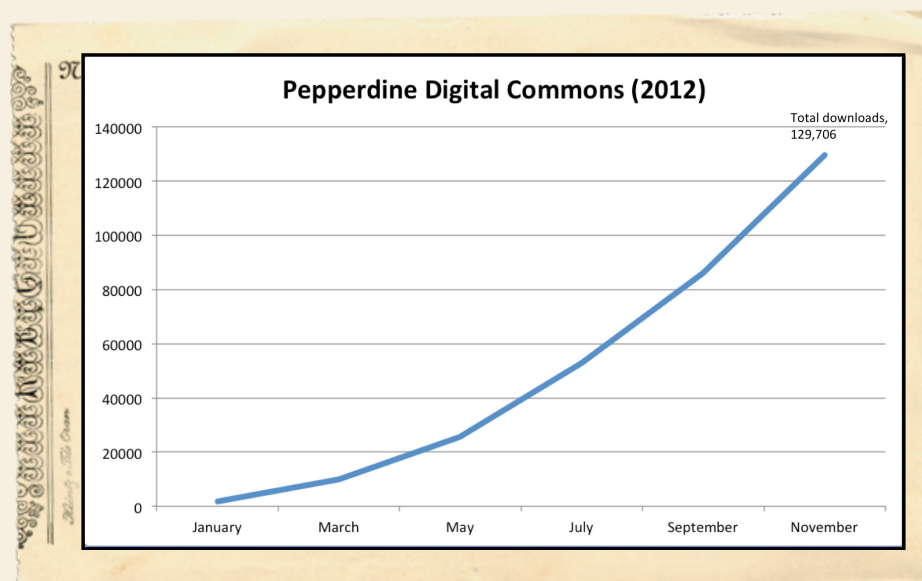
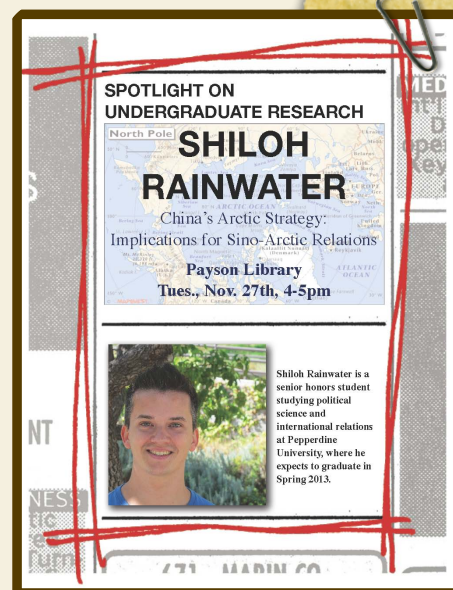
Shiloh is studying political science and international relations and plans to pursue his interest in international trade issues by obtaining a law degree in international law as well as a master's in international relations.

PEPPERDINE DIGITAL COMMONS

Another avenue for presenting Pepperdine's scholarly output of

research is through the Pepperdine University Libraries' Digital Commons. The Digital Commons is our publishing platform, launched in 2012. It makes available select scholarly journals and papers emanating from Pepperdine, including:

- *Pepperdine Dispute Resolution Law Journal (SOL)*
- *Pepperdine Law Review (SOL)*
- *The Journal of Business, Entrepreneurship & Law (SOL)*
- *Pepperdine Policy Review (SPP)*
- *Global Tides (Seaver)*
- *Leaven (Seaver)*
- *Pacific Church News (Seaver)*
- *School of Public Policy Working Papers (SPP)*
- *Churches of Christ Heritage Center (Seaver)*
- *Undergraduate Student Research*



Pepperdine Digital Commons is tremendously popular and has received more than 129,000 article downloads to date



In addition to the Digital Commons, we also have greatly expanded the holdings of our digital library. Click on our website and find treasures such as:

- [The George Pepperdine Collection](#)
- [The Historic Pepperdine Film Collection](#)



Study Room Usage 2011 - 2012:

Library Location	Total Number of Reservations	Total Number of Users	Average Number of Users per Room	Total Number of Hours Used
Drescher	14780	48864	3.34	14764
Encino	1377	2889	2	1369
Irvine	2441	5698	2.36	1833
Payson	15826	50847	3.2	15714
WLA	6839	16755	2.45	6800

Here at Payson Library, group study rooms are always in demand. With some group study areas taken over by surge office space during renovation, we have accommodated students with new study areas, such as the Study Loft. Still, statistics show that students hunger for as many study room areas as we can provide.

The Library: A Home for Faith



[The Saint John's Bible: Special Collections](#)



Darryl Tippens On - The KJB's Continuing Influence

[The KJB's Continuing Influence on Wavelengths](#)

During the fall, Payson Library hosted seven convocation lectures, as well as the exhibition "**Manifold Greatness**," celebrating the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. That exhibition was accompanied with five lectures about the history, language and lasting resonance of the King James Bible. Provost Darryl Tippens launched the series and excerpts from his talk are on **Wavelengths** – Pepperdine Libraries webisodes featuring great speakers from Payson Library. In addition, the Saint John's Bible continues to provide inspiration to our community.

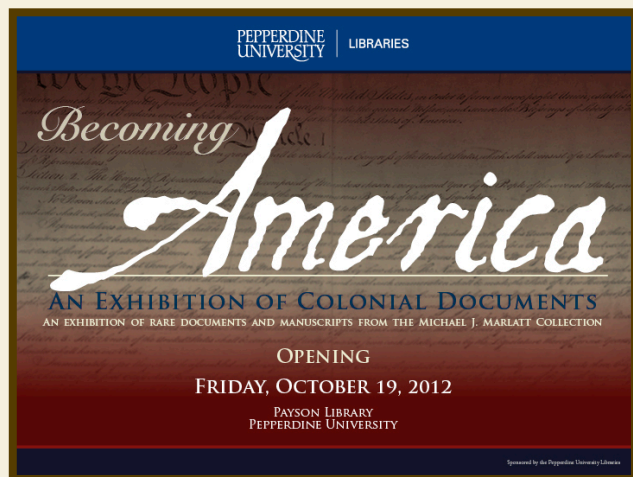
In November, **Phillip and Brian Thomason** shared the inspirational story of the 500-mile pilgrimage their family took through Spain. Their route was the medieval *Camino de Santiago*, from St. Jean Pied De Port on the French-Spanish border in the Pyrenees, to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, where the remains of St. James the Apostle are supposedly interred. It was, as Brian notes, "...a little stroll of some 500 miles."



The Library: A Home for Community

“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men.”

- Herman Melville



Melville could not have foreseen the literal quality his statement would take in the 21st century: certainly a thousand microfibers now connect all of humanity in virtual space. But we are no less connected in the real physical world of the library

that we can touch, meet in, and form community around. The Pepperdine Libraries of today and tomorrow are new the student center, the place between classroom and dorm to engage with great ideas and each other. In addition, Payson Library has become a center for outreach to the greater Malibu community, a gathering place to listen to brilliant speakers, and see remarkable artifacts.

In October, we celebrated the opening of “**Becoming America**,” an exhibition of rare documents and manuscripts from the Michael J. Marlatt Collection. Michael is an alumnus of the Pepperdine Law School and the opening reception featured remarks by Ed Larson. The pieces are housed in beautiful new display cases in Payson Library’s main floor.

Our Speaker Series has an international scope this year. ***Beyond the Horizon: The Global Century*** featured six presentations in October. They ranged from political analysis -- Dan Schnur, Director of the Jesse Unruh Institute of Politics at USC and Don Ringe, both veteran political campaign managers, analyzed the Presidential campaign’s advertising -- to spiritual exploration: Dean Nelson spoke about his book on John Polkinghorne. There was a wonderful poetry reading featuring Pepperdine professors John Struloeff and Jeff Schultz. Dr. Marvin Sweeney spoke on Jewish Biblical Theology and Turkish journalist Mustafa Akyol closed the month by sharing his thoughts on “Islam Without Extremes” on October 30. The place was packed.

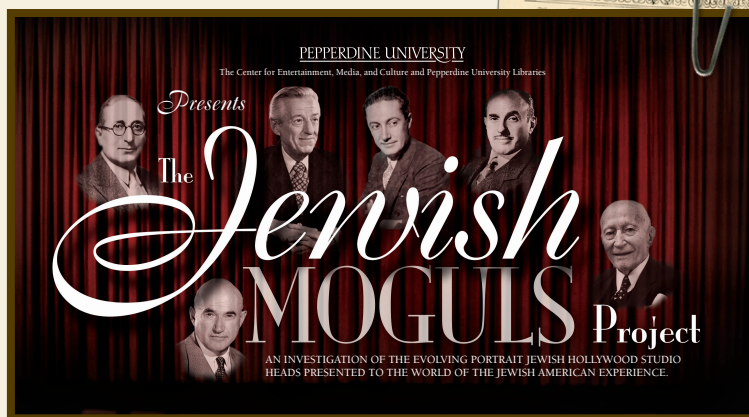


The Library: A Home For Diversity

The Pepperdine University Libraries have a commitment to mirroring the diverse community of the area around us. Throughout the year, we have brought in writers, speakers and events which speak to this diversity.

Coming this spring: **A salute to Black History Month**, in partnership with the Black Student Association. The theme the BSA selected for this year's focus is the Reconstruction Era. Payson Library will host a discussion and screening of an original short film, "The Red Cape," which chronicles the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot, which was the only coup d'état, or violent overthrow of a government, in U.S. History. The incident was a springboard for the Jim Crow laws that disenfranchised black citizens through the 1960s. The forgotten story of this horrible incident will be examined with the filmmaker, Nelson Oliver.

Coming this spring: **The Jewish Moguls and Beyond**. In partnership with the Center for Entertainment, Media, and Culture, we are presenting an investigation of the evolving portrait Jewish Hollywood studio heads and producers presented of the Jewish American experience.



In addition, the spring will offer a series of events celebrating the Chinese-American immigrant experience.

The Library: A Home For Developing Resources

The Library Committee has made remarkable progress in the Campaign for Pepperdine. **Chair Robert Barbera** will be honored on February 14 for his invaluable contributions. Please join us as we officially inaugurate the Barbera Information Point.



Dean of Libraries Mark Roosa with Robert Barbera on June 9, 2012

Conclusion

All of these strands – advancing academic excellence; strengthening our faith mission; building community; increasing diversity; developing resources – are moving forward, pointing Pepperdine University Libraries toward becoming the new student union, a place where students, faculty, and community gather for scholarship, to reflect upon issues of faith, and to find community in an institution where students are strengthened for lives of purpose, service, and leadership.